### The Florence Lowden Miller Historic Pullman Center by Historic Pullman Foundation Historic Pullman Foundation

On Saturday April 28th the Historic Pullman Foundation dedicated building at 614 E. 113th Street in memory of George Pullman's Grand-daughter, Mrs. Florence Lowden Miller. Mrs. Miller was a philanthropist, mentor, conservationist, preservationist and a friend to Pullman. It was Mrs. Miller's enduring belief that her grandfather, George M. Pullman's experiment in industrial order and community planning should be preserved and studied by future generations for it's important role in American history. It was in that spirit that Mrs. Miller joined with the people of Pullman as they sought landmark designations for Pullman and as they pursued historic preservations efforts. Those efforts included her generosity in the acquisition and renovation of the 614 E. 113th St building to serve as a center for continuing stewardship, study and education.

The dedication event was well attended Pullman family members, HPF members and many Pullman residents. The whole event was a walk back in time as each speaker reminisced about the difficult days of the beginnings of the Historic Pullman Foundation. So I thought this was a good time to review how we obtained this building and what it has meant to the neighborhood. In 1973 the Historic Pullman Foundation purchased the building from the Masonic Lodge for the amount of \$30,000. It was the first acquisition of the newly formed HPF.

For over 20 years the building hosted the Pullman Civic Organization's General Membership and for over 30 years it was a meeting place for the Pullman Seniors. In the 1990's it housed the Pullman Creative Learning Center, a pre-school learning center where many of our children learned valuable skills before entering kindergarten (thank you Beverly Ash Larson for heading this). It was the polling place, youth group meeting location, and visitor tour center for the HPF. It continues to host many PCO committee meetings, Garden Club regular meetings and lecture series, house tour events, and Historic Pullman Foundation's offices. Most recently we welcomed the National Park Service to house its' administrative offices in the building.

Since its acquisition, the exterior of the building has been completely transformed with thousands of dollars in improvements, mostly from the House Tour Fund. Recently a new kitchen, new ceilings, electrical upgrades, interior and exterior painting, and tuckpointing were done to the building.

A special thank you to everyone who burned the midnight oil getting the building ready for the dedication event and to Alfonso Quiroz Jr. who taped the event and interviewed family members.

We were so fortunate to have had Mrs. Miller involved in our neighborhood. It is an honor to name the 614 E. 113th St building The Florence Lowden Miller Historic Pullman Center.



From left to right Kimberly Miller, Warren Miller, Cecilia Daspit, Rick Despot, Bonnie Miller Kaufman, Michael Kaufman

# PCO Block Captains Pat Brannon

Expect a visit from your block captain in the next month to renew your PCO membership.

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11200 St. Lawrence (West)	Harriette Watson	11400 Champlain (West)	
11200 St. Lawrence(East)	Lillian Fitzgerald	11400 St. Lawrence (East)	Denise Alcantai
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11300 Cottage Grove	Jason Jones	11400 Forrestville (West)	Beverly Carli
11300 Forrestville (West)	Bridgette Davis	115th Street	C. J. Martello
11300 Forrestville (East)	Ann Alspaugh		

# Pullman Partners Update Rachel Smith-Kovarsky

The Pullman Partners is an alliance of organizations dedicated to supporting historic preservation and responsible growth throughout Pullman National Monument for the benefit of residents and visitors, now and for generations to come.

This month, the Partners submitted a joint letter to National Park Service leadership in support of Pullman's application for a \$3.7 million in Centennial Challenge funding for the restoration of our iconic clocktower. If awarded, these funds would create a tremendous visitor center and a welcoming landscape. This alliance of community groups will continue to seek opportunities to support great projects in our own national monument!

The Pullman Partners support the vision that we all helped create in Positioning Pullman. To date the groups include:

- Christ Community Church
- Friends of the Pullman State Historic Site
- Historic Pullman Foundation
- House of Chloe, Inc.
- Pullman Civic Organization
- Pullman Garden Club
- Pullman Wheelworks Residents
- PullmanArts
- The Bielenberg Historic Pullman House Foundation
- Pullman Historic Restoration Project, Inc.

If you work with a community group not listed and are interested in supporting the vision from Positioning Pullman, please let me know! Pullman-Partners406@gmail.com.







### Beman Committee

### John Christie & Wyatt Ollestad, Email: pcobemancommittee@gmail.com

One of the things we often hear from homeowners is how costly proper restoration of our historic houses tends to be. While it is true that replicating historic features on the facades of Pullman homes can be pricier than replacements with modern, prefabricated elements, it is important for both the integrity of our individual houses and for the entire community to follow correct measures when replacing any non-historic façade elements.

There are several resources available to homeowners of historic properties to help offset the cost of proper repair and replacement. In addition to the PCO Beman Committee's Façade Reimbursement Program, the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (IHPA) offers a tax freeze for homeowners looking to complete historically sympathetic work on both the outside and inside of their homes. And the Departments of the Interior and the Treasury, in conjunction with the National Park Service and IHPA, offer tax credits for rehabilitation work on income-producing historic properties.

The Commission on Chicago Landmarks also provides information regarding incentive programs that pertain to Pullman property owners, in addition to the Department of Building's Permit Fee Waiver, which can eliminate the cost of a building permit. And more and more public and private institutions are offering incentives for energy-saving upgrades to homes, which, despite what many think, don't have to come at the cost of sacrificing historic integrity. Remember, the 'greenest' building is the one that's already built.

More information about these and other resources are available via the Pullman Homeowner Guide. And when it comes time to consider the cost of historically sympathetic replacement or restoration, we hope you'll make the wise choice in investing both in your own property and in the community as a whole. After all, nothing beats the curb appeal of historic features on a historic property.

# PullmanArts Erica Roewade

PullmanArts is pleased to announce that renowned artist and native south-sider Bernard Williams has been awarded the commission to paint a large mural along a pedestrian bridge on the Major Taylor Trail in the West Pullman neighborhood. Cyclist Marshall "Major" Taylor (1878-1932) was the first African-American world champion and sports superstar. A Civil War veteran, he was inducted into the United States Bicycling Hall of Fame in 1989. PullmanArts was excited to be part of Archi-Treasures' nominating committee and we look forward to the ribbon cutting ceremony on July 27th.

For anyone who missed our first announcement, we'd like to tell you about our exciting event to be held in Arcade Park on July 14th at 8pm called LIFE OUT LOUD, an evening of amateur storytelling. This event is BYOB (bring your own blanket) and is intended for adults. This event is open to all (Pullmanites and beyond) both as speakers and attendees. Do you have a funny, interesting, hard-to-believe, weird, serious, heartfelt or life-changing true story to tell? Please sign up by emailing us a brief description of your story to events@pullmanarts.org by June 15th. Speakers will have between 5 and 20 minutes to tell their stories. The rain date will be Sunday, July 15th at 7:30pm.

For more information about PullmanArts events, email events@pullmanarts.org. For general questions and to be added to our mailing list, email info@pullmanarts.org. Please visit us at PullmanArts.org.

# From the Dining Car Patty Lawson

In April, I celebrated 11 years of writing this column and never once gave you a recipe for shepherd's pie. And I plan on keeping it that way! May, the month of tulips, female relatives, proms, Decoration Day (I love that old name!), and the last frost day: May 15, Mother Nature cooperating, of course. We're between soup season and "fresh from the garden" time, so let's take stock of what we have in the pantry and do some spring cleaning. As a general rule, dried and ground spices and herbs can last up to 2-3 years. When in doubt, check the color. If it's changed, throw it out.

Next month, I will be giving you some great spice recipes. Stay tuned!

### Summer Safety Tips Safety Committee

Summer is here – warm days followed by cool evenings are perfect for being outside. To help you have a safe as well as enjoyable summer, keep the following safety tips in mind.

SECURE YOUR BICYCLES: First, register your bike with the Chicago Police Department. If your bike is ever stolen, this will make identification possible. You can obtain registration forms at the 5th District Station or your beat meeting. You can also register your bike online at www.cityofchicago.org. Second, any time you leave your bike unattended, make sure it is locked to a secure structure. Use a quality lock that cannot be easily broken.

SECURE YOUR BELONGINGS: When you are outside playing or enjoying the city's parks, you won't want to be carrying your valuables. If you can't leave them at home, lock your purse, wallet and other belongings in the trunk of your car. Never lock valuables in your car where they can be seen.

SECURE YOUR HOUSE OR APARTMENT: When you are not at home you should make sure that your windows and doors are locked securely. When you are at home with your doors open, always keep your screen doors locked. Don't assume that being close to your home will keep someone from coming in your front door. Never leave your house or apartment unlocked even if you are just around the corner.

SECURE EACH OTHER: As important as making sure our homes and belongings are safe is making sure our neighbors are safe. When the temperature climbs, you should take some time to check on your neighbors, especially senior citizens, and make sure they have everything they need. If you do find a neighbor in distress, call 911. If you need information on the nearest City cooling center or other heat-related services, call 311.

Find out more about how you can get involved to keep your neighborhood safe by attending the next Beat 531 meeting on Tuesday, May 15 at 7:00pm at the Greenstone Church, 11211 St Lawrence.

### **Pullman Community Dinner**

Friday, May 18, 2018, 5:30-7:30 Greenstone United Methodist Church

Serving chicken, beef, and vegetarian tacos with rice, beans, drinks, and desserts. \$8.00 Adults and \$5.00 Children

### Ladies Luncheon Group

Cinco de Mayo may be over but the Pullman Ladies Lunch Group will still be celebrating when they go to 5 Rabanitos in Pilsen. This is a simple Mexican eatery serving high-level Mexican cuisine with moderate prices. The chef spent 16 years working for celebrity Chef Rick Bayless so you know it's outstanding. Sip on delicious house made agua frescas or BYOB. Metered street parking is limited. Car pool arrangements will be made. RSVP to carollagadinos@att.net or 817-598-8570. When & Where: May 23, 5 Rabanitos, 1758 W 18th Street, leaving Pullman at 12 noon.

### A Dapper, Handsome Maple for the Cityscape Green Spaces and Places Lynn Smith

In our busy lives commuting here and there, we rarely appreciate the potential pleasures close at hand. I came upon this realization over a year ago as I stretched out on a comfy bench, book in hand, under what was then a large tree. While the tree was taken down, the chirping and flutter of the birds and the passing green shelter of the Ash's limbs stayed with me. All of this was within a couple steps of our house. Likewise: a hammock in a back yard, a garage turned into an art studio or a plant studio or a small greenhouse, can provide refuge within the busy city environment. Trickling fountains can help camouflage discordant noises while plants and fences can provide both visual and sound barriers. Murals or a sculpture can provide interest and an illusion of more space. Colorful decorations can provide the spirit of another culture or place. Use your creativity to create a place that beckons to you at the end of a long day. A place that creates your imprint on this little area that you call home. . . and we'll keep talking. . .



## The Pullman Flyer

### **Pullman National Monument Preservation Society**

The federal historic review of the proposed Pullman Artspace apartments ("Project") continues. On May 1, 2018, the City of Chicago's Department of Fleet and Facility Management (2FM) issued a formal determination of "no adverse effects." They peremptorily dismissed numerous written objections from consulting parties and the public about how the project will harm the integrity of the Pullman National Historic Landmark District ("District"). 2FM has given until June 1, 2018, for consulting parties and the public to object to its formal determination.

However, the Pullman National Preservation Society is of the opinion that this development will have some "adverse effects" on the District that should be considered fully before development of the project proceeds. There is nothing abnormal or necessarily bad about this. In fact, the routine thing to do is admit such effects and then work together toward a Memorandum of Agreement clarifying how these effects can be minimized. However, what is not routine is the attempt by 2FM in this case to insist that the project will have no adverse effect whatever on the District.

What are some of its effects? First, the project as proposed requires the obliteration of the 138 year old limestone foundation, bricks, and other archaeological remains of building "B." These historic resources are part of the original Town of Pullman and were paid for with profits reaped from those who toiled tirelessly for the Pullman Palace Car Company, including the Pullman Porters. Pullman workers deposited these historic resources in the ground well over a century ago, but now they are going to be dug up, hauled away, and dumped in a landfill. In their place, a modern apartment building more than TWICE the size of building it's replacing will be crammed between block houses "A" and "C." The new building, the façade of which will essentially be flush with the adjacent buildings, will destroy the symmetry and historic spatial relationships that characterize Beman's and Barrett's original plan for the site and the street. Yet, 2FM considers none of these obvious impacts adverse effects.

The Pullman National Preservation Society believes a number of compromises can minimize harm to the District. As one example, we recommended that the Project's backers consider restoring building "B," the missing piece of this one-of-a-kind and last surviving example of Beman's tenement "block house" complexes of S. Langley Avenue. They flatly refused and some of their representatives went so far as to claim it would be "illegal" to do so, which not true. It seems reasonable to suggest that a Project financed with taxpayer money and constructed within a NATION-AL MONUMENT consider the community's and the National Park

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Service's long-term goals to preserve and interpret Pullman's architectural, social, and labor history. As Stephanie Toothman, a senior official of the National Park Service put it, "National parks are all about authenticity, or preserving and protecting the real things in their original context."

To us, this Project is irresponsible development. Is it really wise to funnel millions of taxpayer dollars into the construction of an ordinary new building while Pullman's remarkable historic architecture is literally crumbling throughout the District? Should we abide the desecration of the "first planned industrial community in the United States" and one of only nine national monuments explicitly commemorating African American history?

While we have been supportive of the project's concept, we believe the project as proposed does not encourage restoration of Pullman's historic architecture, but devalues its importance. Most significantly, it will set a precedent that may encourage future encroachments that diminish the integrity of the "historic designed landscape" of the Pullman National Historic Landmark District and Pullman National Monument. For questions or more information, please contact info@pnmps.org.

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Sun 7 pm	Pullman Morris and Sword Practice	773-297-6714 for info/location			
Sun 7-9 pm	SCRABBLE	773-568-5890 for info/location			
Mon 4-7 pm	9th Ward Residents Night w/ Ald. Beale	34 E 112th Place 773-785-1100			
Tue 7:30pm-9pm	Pullman Choir - new voices always welcome	Visitor Center 112th St			
Wed 8 pm	8 pm Walking Group - meet at Arcade Park Group email list: astrid@uchicago.edu				
Sat 10:30am-12:30pm	Tiger & Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts	Greenstone Fellowship Hall			
Email to arrange	Beginners bridge class	kristoferthomsen@aol.com			
Tues-Sun 11am-3pm	Pullman National Monument Visitor Information C	Center open to public 773-785-8901			
MONTHLY MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS					
Day	Event (\$ if charge)	Place/Contact			
Tues 5/15 7:00pm	5th District CAPS Meeting - Beat 531	Greenstone Fellowship Hall			
Wed 5/16 7:30 pm	PCO General Meeting (3rd Wed)	Visitor Center 112th St			
Fri 5/18 5:30-7:30pm	TACO Night - Community Dinner (\$)	Greenstone Fellowship Hall			
Sun 5/20 11 am	1st & 3rd Sunday Factory Site Tour (~1 hr)	PSHS Factory Site			
Tue 5/22 6:30-7:30pr	n 9th Ward Community Mtg w/ Ald. Beale	Pullman Presbyterian 550 E 103rdSt			
Ned 5/23 12pm Ladies Lunch - 5 Rabanitos (Pilsen) RSVP carollagadinos@att.net 817-598-8570					
Wed 5/23 6:30 pm	House Tour Committee Meeting	Lowden Miller Center 614 E 113th S			
Wed 5/23 7:30 pm	PCO Beman Committee Meeting (4th Wed)	Lowden Miller Center 614 E 113th S			
Sun 6/3 11 am	1st & 3rd Sunday Factory Site Tour (~1 hr)	PSHS Factory Site			
Sun 6/3 1:30 pm	HPF - First Sunday Walking Tours ~1.5 hr Vis	sitor Center 112th St pullmanil.org			
Wed 6/6 10:00am	5th District Court Advocacy Program/Mtg	Carol Lagadinos 817-598-8570			
Wed 6/6 7:30 pm	Garden Club Monthly Membership Meeting	Lowden Miller Center 614 E 113th S			
Wed 6/13 7:30 pm	PCO Exec Board Meeting (2nd Wed)	Lowden Miller Center 614 E 113th S			
Sun 6/17 11 am	1st & 3rd Sunday Factory Site Tour (~1 hr)	PSHS Factory Site			
Mon 6/18 9am-1pm	Vehicle City Sticker Purchase (no cash)	9th Ward Office 34 E 112th Place			
Sat 6/23 10am-4pm	24th Annual Garden Walk and Tea (\$)	Start at Visitor Center 112th St			
Wed 6/27 7:30 pm	PCO Beman Committee Meeting (4th Wed)	Lowden Miller Center 614 E 113th S			

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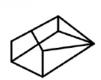
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